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REMARKS

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1. On 10 June 1954, 7 Il-28s [redacted] a Soviet star on their rudder assemblies, were observed at Werneuchen airfield. From talks it was learned that a total of 35 Il-28s were stationed at the field. [redacted] 1 25X1
2. About noon on 10 June, 8 three-axle trucks and 6 x 37-mm AA guns were loaded on boxcars at the Werneuchen railroad station. [redacted] Loading operations lasted one hour and 20 minutes. Personnel seen had gas masks, belts with ammunition holders, pistols, and each carried one rolled up blanket. 2 25X1
3. On 18 June, about 45 Il-28s [redacted] and 1 biplane were observed at the field. [redacted] repeatedly observed on two aircraft involved in air activity that day. These aircraft did not have a plexiglass nose or tail guns. They took off and landed individually. 1 25X1
4. The radio installation with one mast which had been observed in the southwestern extension of the runway was removed. Two radio installations with one mast each and a radio truck were erected in the northeastern extension of the runway. One Kniferest-type radar set and a PKV-45 R/F station were also observed in the same area. 3 25X1
5. Seven medium AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field. Training was held on the guns, the barrels of all of which temporarily pointed vertically. Two AA Mk 2-type radar sets were seen just south of the AA gun emplacement. About 6 motor vehicles were parked in the shed. [redacted] 25X1
6. Motor vehicles observed included trucks [redacted] 25X1
7. On 25 June, about 45 Il-28s were seen in front of the hangars and 8 Il-28s, [redacted] were parked in the southwestern corner of the field. An additional 5 Il-28s, [redacted] were [redacted] 25X1

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involved in air activity. About 25 individual take-offs and, occasionally, flights of formations of three aircraft were observed. Two gun barrels projected from the tail gun position of each of these aircraft. Between the two barrels there was apparently a circular-shaped body, possibly a reticule. ¹

8. A PKV-45 D/F station, a radio station with one mast, radio truck [] and another radio truck with a broom-shaped antenna were seen at the eastern edge of the field. Another radio station with one mast was observed about 100 meters south of the other installations. The mast of the latter installation was braced about 3 times with the top bracing about 50 cm below the mast head. Over this bracing was a funnel-shaped netting with its top pointing upward. One Kniferest-type and one Fishnet-type radar set were observed near the aircraft revetments at the southern edge of the landing field. Four or 5 radio trucks with rod antennas were parked on both sides of the runway. About 12 lamps fitted on masts, about 2 meters high and arranged in a row in the direction of approach lane were seen in the extension of the runway, south of Hirschfelde. The lamps directed their beams in a northeast direction. Truck [] was loaded with oil containers. ³ 25X1
9. During the morning of 19 June, there was intensive air activity by Il-28s, [] The weather was clear. The aircraft took off individually at intervals of about 10 minutes and made large local flights. Fifteen to 20 Il-28s were parked in front of the hangars. On 14 June, 30 to 40 Il-28s had been observed there. ¹ On 22 June, a shipment of 14 railroad tank cars arrived at Werneuchen railroad station coming from the direction of Freienwalde. The cabins for brakemen of three cars were occupied by one soldier each armed with a submachine gun. Truck [] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was identified at the railroad station. ⁶ 25X1
10. On 14 June, 7 x 76.2-mm AA guns were seen in the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field. About 50 soldiers were training in groups near the guns. Fourteen trucks and 2 buses were parked in a wooden garage near the AA gun emplacement. ⁴
11. On 25, 26 and 29 June and on 1 July, individual local flying was practiced by Il-28s during the morning or afternoon. On 6 July there was flying throughout the day. The weather was fair and there was easterly wind. The aircraft took off toward the east, made a left turn east of Hirschfelde, passed by north of the field, made a left turn approximately northwest of the field and west of Loehne and landed again toward the east. The landings and take-offs of the individual aircraft were made at intervals of about 20 minutes. Between 2300 and 0100 on 5 July, there was also individual local flying.
12. The following incoming and outgoing rail shipments were observed at the field between 18 June and 2 July:
- | Date | Arriving |
|---------|---|
| 18 June | 1 tank car with 28,035 tons dispatched from Velten on 14 June, 4 gondola cars with 106 tons of briquettes |
| 21 June | 7 boxcars dispatched from Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 18 June |
| 22 June | 18 tank cars with 382,4 tons of fuel from Boshlen |
| 23 June | 3 tank cars with 75 tons of fuel from Schwarzheide |

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Date in June	Arriving	Leaving
24	9 boxcars from Wildpark, 2 tank cars with fuel from Boehlen consigned to Unit Shernikov, 1 boxcar with 5.5 tons from Alt-Strelitz	
26		2 boxcars to Koethen 1 boxcar to Dresden-Klotzsche
27	3 cars with 25 tons from Teltow-West	2 boxcars to Wustermark
29		2 boxcars to Welzow 1 boxcar to Brandis 1 boxcar to Briesen 2 boxcars to Dallgow
30		2 boxcars to Gross-Hasslow 2 boxcars to Briesen
July 2	1 boxcar with 15.5 tons from Velten consigned to Unit Shernikov, 28 tank cars with 512 tons of fuel from Ruhland	

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13. On 3 July, 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field. There was intensive personnel traffic in the area of the AA gun emplacement and the underground bunkers. 4

14. Since mid-June, repair work on aircraft revetments and taxiways has been done by VEB Tiefbau-Brandenburg with about 1,000 men engaged in this work. 7

15. On 21 and 23 June, 18 and 12 railroad tank cars respectively arrived at the field. 6

1. Comment. Two bomber regiments equipped with about 50 Il-28s are stationed at Werneuchen airfield. Aircraft [] were previously observed at Werneuchen and Briesen. It could not yet be determined to which regiment these aircraft belong. 25X1

2. Comment. This shipment, [] was dispatched to Neubukow on 11 June. Elements involved were to participate in firing practices with live ammunition. [] 25X1

3. Comment. As at Jueterbog and Koethen, one PKV-45 D/F station, two landing beacons, and one radio installation with one mast with an umbrella-shaped antenna for VHF communication are available at Werneuchen. The radar sets mentioned are of type Kniferest and Fishnet. 25X1

4. Comment. One AA battery with 37-mm AA guns and some guns of smaller caliber are located in the southwestern corner of Werneuchen airfield and 1 battery with medium-caliber guns in the northwestern section. [] 25X1

[] It cannot be determined whether the guns have a caliber of 76.2 mm or 85 mm. The model AA 1 Mk 2 radar set has repeatedly been reported. During the last period, no information has been received on the occupation of the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern section of the landing field. 25X1

5. Comment. Most of the motor vehicles reported have previously been observed in Werneuchen. [] 25X1

6. [] 25X1

[] Fuel shipments were dispatched to Shernikov Unit long before the arrival of the bomber unit. It is believed that Shernikov is the chief of a rear detail of OATB [] which was formerly located in Werneuchen; [] 25X1


[] The type and purpose of the shipments which left Werneuchen for various airfields are not known. 25X1

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7.  Comment. Damages to the concrete taxiways at Werneuchen airfield were reported previously. Noteworthy is the employment of 1,000 workers.

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